

## FROM THE A.M. DESK

In the month of February probably the first thing that pops in your mind is SUPERBOWL! Just kidding, more than likely Valentines Day and candy/flowers. Love is the theme it seems for February but as Christians it should be the theme all year long. We show love through what we say and also what we do. The greatest act of love happened at the cross and if Jesus can love all of us that way we should have no problem doing the same. The Gospel is the ultimate love story and it does have a happy ending for those that trust Jesus as their Savior. So don't forget the candy and flowers for your earthy love and especially don't forget the love Jesus showed for us on the cross so that those who trust Him can have salvation.

1 John 3:16-18

Love you guys,

Brother Eddie

## BCM NEWS

The Spring 2017 Semester has already begun and we have already seen God moving on the Campus of OPSU. I want to thank every church and individual who helped this past fall semester be an amazing success. We could not have made the impact we did without your service and obedience to the Gospel. Thank you so much! As we begin this semester I wanted to make you aware of a few needs for the BCM.

The BCM committee discussed the condition and use of the bus and concluded that a 15-passenger van would better suit our needs. The recommendation was made to the executive board and a unanimous vote was made in favor of selling the bus and raising money for a 15 passenger Ford Transit van. We will not purchase the van until all the money is raised. The approximate cost of the van will be \$28,000. If we get what we expect out of the sale of the bus, we would need to raise \$23,000. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of a van, you can do so by sending your contribution to the BCM or to Panhandle Baptist Associa-

tion.

Another need this semester is for a new refrigerator. Our current one is having cooling issues and it is also not big enough. We serve 150 plus students each week at our noonday meal. Most of the meals are provided by PBA churches. Many of these churches use our refrigerator each week. The BCM building is also utilized several times a month for other events such as wedding showers, funeral meals, and other events. A new and bigger refrigerator would benefit our daily ministry as well as to the churches and individuals that use the building on a regular basis. If you would like to donate money, or a new refrigerator to the BCM please contact David Coffey.

Thank you and God Bless,

David Coffey  
BCM Director  
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**Above & Beyond  
Offering 2016  
receipts**

**\$22,650.97 to date**

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### January

30-31 Oklahoma Evangelism Conference, Del City FSBC

### February

17 Oklahoma Vacation Bible School Training, OKC Southern Hills (by

invitation only)

20 **Office Closed** Presidents Day

25 Senior Adult Rally, Felt Community Center, noon **(TENTATIVE)**

27 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

### March

2 Associational Missionary Evangelism Conference, BGCO, 8-2

5-12 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions

9 Singing Church Women

of Oklahoma, Beaver FBC 7 p.m.

9 Sunday School for Small Churches, Hooker FBC 6-9

11 VBS Clinic, Guymon Grace Southern, 8:30 a.m. registration

11 SPRING FORWARD-set clocks 1 hour ahead

**PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**GALACTIC STARVEYORS VBS 2017**

Vacation Bible School 2017 Theme is Galactic Starveyors

Discovering the GOD of the Universe

Colossian 1:15-16 is the theme verse: "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for Him.

Motto: Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible

As kids focus their telescopes on the marvels painted in the sky by the Creator, they will discover the wonder among all

wonders—that the God who created everything there is —the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible— wants a personal relationship with them! Invite your kids into the clubhouse and show them the God who is over the moon in love with them.



**Vacation Bible School Clinic**

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Guymon, Grace Southern

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

*Pre K Kindergarten*

*Grades 1-3 4-6*

*Youth Directors*

*Crafts Worship*

**News from Clearlake Baptist Church**

After long discussions and prayer, the church has voted to close its doors. Their pastor Wayne Moore and his wife Beverly have served there the last twenty plus years. Keep these members in your prayers as they find new church home.

**Pray for our Church of the Month**

*Turpin BC  
Dan Cox, Pastor  
Larry Mowry, Youth Pastor*

**Pastorless churches**

*Guymon, SLBC , David Moore is transitional interim;  
Hardesty, Bethel*

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**FEBRUARY**

**Pray for our Church Staff and their families:**

Make a habit of praying for these individuals and their ministry on their birthday. That is a great day to think of them and lift them before the Lord.

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**Name**  
Lula King  
Tom & Linda Huggins  
Brad Vickrey  
Pam Cox  
David Coffey Jr  
Rachel Hall  
Melissa Bulls  
Debbie Bolinger  
John O'Leary  
Ryan Carter

**Church**  
PBA Ministry Assistant  
Guymon, FBC Music Minister & wife  
Forgan, FBC Youth Minister  
Turpin BC Pastor's wife  
BCM Director's son  
Forgan, FBC Pastor's Wife  
Boise City, FBC Pastor's Wife  
Beaver FBC, Secretary  
Guymon, FBC Secretary's husband  
Guymon, FBC Pastor's son

2016 FINANCES	OCTOBER	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	298.25	2,817.22
Beaver, FBC	1,397.00	12,147.30
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	704.84
Boise City, FBC	1,293.05	10,501.44
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	500.00
Clearlake Baptist	0.00	1,274.64
Felt, FBC	786.22	8,004.79
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	50.00
Forgan, FBC	394.75	3,698.69
Goodwell Baptist	338.28	3,185.28
Guymon, FBC	605.00	4,778.00
Guymon, FHBC	90.28	707.25
Guymon, Grace	283.74	3,579.23
Guymon, Sunset Lane	0.00	5,945.01
Hardesty, Bethel	160.58	2,288.19
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	740.63	8,119.20
Hooker, FHBC	32.54	350.56
Kenton Baptist	325.28	3,056.44
Keyes, FBC	0.00	4,545.89
Texhoma, FBC	201.43	2,216.50
Turpin Baptist	0.00	2,815.43
Tyrone Baptist	0.00	1,563.68
Wheless Baptist	66.73	2,183.30
BGCO	218.33	2,183.30
Other Income	77.09	11,665.79
Interest Income	0.62	5.08
GBC Income	1,206.77	71,384.29
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	<b>\$8,563.57</b>	<b>\$161,600.73</b>



October 31, 2016 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (09/30/16)	\$9,114.38
Total Income:	\$8,563.57
Total Expenses	\$6,111.39
Ending Balance (10/31/16)	\$11,566.56
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$1,888.34
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$ 2,711.86
GBC Major Improvements	\$83,450.55
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$15,439.31

2016 FINANCES

NOVEMBER

YTD RECTS

Balko Baptist	188.00	3,005.22
Beaver, FBC	0.00	12,147.30
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	704.84
Boise City, FBC	988.89	11,490.33
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	550.00
Clearlake Baptist	125.46	1,400.10
Felt, FBC	855.71	8,860.50
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	50.00
Forgan, FBC	1,235.53	4,934.22
Goodwell Baptist	116.42	3,301.70
Guymon, FBC	592.00	5,370.00
Guymon, FHBC	78.25	785.00
Guymon, Grace	366.41	3,945.64
Guymon, Sunset Lane	649.21	6,594.22
Hardesty, Bethel	355.05	2,643.24
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	9,759.05
Hooker, FBC	1,639.85	471.49
Hooker, FHBC	120.93	3,358.20
Kenton Baptist	301.76	5,143.29
Keyes, FBC	224.73	2,441.23
Texhoma, FBC	224.73	2,441.23
Turpin Baptist	301.36	3,116.79
Tyrone Baptist	173.96	1,737.64
Wheless Baptist	234.48	2,310.74
BGCO	218.33	2,401.63
Other Income	75.37	11,741.16
Interest Income	0.53	5.61
GBC Income	1,329.16	72,713.45
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,818.79</b>	<b>Total:</b>
		<b>\$180,983.09</b>



November 30, 2016 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (10/31/16)	\$ 11,566.56
Total Income:	\$ 10,818.79
Total Expenses	\$ 16,320.64
Ending Balance (11/30/16)	\$6,064.71
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$1,913.34
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$2,712.39
GBC Major Improvements	\$83,550.55
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$15,513.87

2016 FINANCES

DECEMBER

YTD RECTS

Balko Baptist	255.92	3,291.14
Beaver, FBC	0.00	12,147.30
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	704.84
Boise City, FBC	1,097.22	12,587.55
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	600.00
Clearlake Baptist	145.56	1,545.66
Felt, FBC	894.13	9,754.63
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	50.00
Forgan, FBC	359.46	5,293.68
Goodwell Baptist	347.41	3,649.11
Guymon, FBC	0.00	5,659.00
Guymon, FHBC	0.00	785.00
Guymon, Grace	772.26	4,717.90
Guymon, Sunset Lane	623.06	7,217.28
Hardesty, Bethel	464.33	3,107.57
Hardesty, FBC	798.18	0.00
Hooker, FBC	30.12	10,557.23
Hooker, FHBC	257.28	501.61
Kenton Baptist	886.67	3,615.48
Keyes, FBC	408.31	6,029.96
Texhoma, FBC	647.65	2,849.54
Turpin Baptist	433.65	3,764.44
Tyrone Baptist	159.92	2,171.29
Wheeless Baptist	0.00	2,470.66
BGCO	365.62	2,401.63
Other Income	0.27	12,106.78
Interest Income	2,417.52	5.88
GBC Income		75,130.97
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,733.54</b>	<b>Total: \$192,716.63</b>



December 31, 2016 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (11/30/16)	\$ 6,064.71
Total Income:	\$ 11,733.54
Total Expenses	\$ 13,610.91
Ending Balance (12/31/16)	\$4,187.34
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$1,938.34
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$2,713.70
GBC Major Improvements	\$83,729.76
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$15,711.67

**Panhandle Baptist Association  
Executive Board Minutes  
November 7, 2016**

In attendance: Eddie Knight and Misha Moore, Goodwell BC; Joshua Henson and Michael McReynolds, Hooker FBC; Jason Johnston, Balko BC; Darren Carpenter, Texhoma FBC; David Moore, Guymon Sunset Lane; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; David Coffey, BCM; Virgil Gibson, Bethel BC; Matt Townsend and Michael Carter, Guymon FBC; Chuck Payne and Tim Baldrige, Boise City FBC; Gary Stone, Tyrone BC; Lou Terango, guest and Lula King, PBA office.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Eddie Knight.

Virgil Gibson introduced Lou Terango from Bethel.

He is part of a men's Bible Study group in Perryton. They are putting together a big rally for men and boys for January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Campbell Brothers and Tim Tebow along with others will be featured guests. One of the Campbell brothers has competed in the Para Olympics. There will be a Breakfast (\$10), a silent auction; an evening rally (\$25) among other activities.

Eddie Knight then led us in prayer

Minutes from the September meeting; special called meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Annual Meeting were all provided. The September minutes had already been approved at the Annual Meeting. Motion to accept the other two sets of minutes was made by Jerry Rice and seconded by Jason Johnston. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Tom Freeman could not attend, but Lula reported that once money is deposited today and two months of insurance is paid we will have about \$13,000 in the bank. Jason Johnston moved to adopt this report. He was seconded by Orden Hartley and motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jerry Rice, with a second from Orden Hartley, moved to dissolve the Associational Missionary Search committee. Motion was adopted.

Reviewed and discussed the Insurance claim and work being done at the campground. Also considered the updated Child Protection Policy (included in our packets). Jeff Bradley moved the adoption of the Child Protection Policy. Mike McReynolds seconded the motion and it was approved.

Time, place, and preacher committee made their motion: Annual Meeting to be held at Grace Southern on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Darren Carpenter will preach the Annual Message. Motion was seconded by David Coffey and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moises Avalos has designated \$6,300 as his housing allowance

Election of Search Committee for Camp Manager position. It was decided that the camp committee and the Associational Missionary would serve as the search committee.

Discussion of By-law and operations manual regulations that we were out of harmony with in the motion that was adopted ("A Way Forward") at our October 3<sup>rd</sup> special meeting. Orden Hartley moved that we combine the Moderator and Associational Missionary positions into one office until the plan is reviewed somewhere down the line (no more than 3 years).

Jerry Rice seconded and motion unanimously passed, satisfying the By-law requirements for the ¾ vote to approve a new Associational Missionary. Jeff Bradley, with a second from Jason Johnston, moved that we suspend all Associational Missionary material in the Operations Manual during this same time frame. Motion passed.

Misha Moore moved that we set aside the Camp Manager's salary (until one is called), along with the Associational Missionary's salary into a Special Account (this will be done as our monthly finances will allow). Motion seconded by Orden Hartley. Motion carried.

Camp Fees will be evaluated by the Camp Committee and they will recommend whatever increases they believe prudent.

**REPORTS:**

Hispanic Liaison

Still working on Church plant in Optima. There is a Bible Study meeting there on Sunday evenings.

Gibson Baptist Camp

Pool is needing to be winterized. Waiting on a consultant to get back with us to guide us in that process.

BCM Report

Semester is going well. Good attendance in various events. David was invited by both the men's and women's basketball coaches to lead a joint devotional for both teams. Got to share the Gospel with them.

Nominating Committee

Moved that Michael Carter be added to the Nominating Committee. Motion seconded by Jerry Rice and adopted.

Disaster Relief

Will have their fundraising event for new housing facilities in Okarche this Thursday at Hooker at 6:30.

Christmas Fellowship will be moved to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next week is BGCO Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Orden Hartley with a second by David Coffey. Motion Passed

Certificates from the BGCO for being leading churches in giving to the Edna McMillan Offering were presented to Boise City and Felt churches.

Season of prayer around the table specifically lifting up the election tomorrow and the need for revival across our nation. However the election goes, our God still rules from on High.

Orden Hartley led in closing prayer

Faithfully submitted,  
Brother Jeff Bradley

**Panhandle Baptist Association  
Special Called Executive Board Meeting  
12/12/2016**

Recommendation from Camp Committee to hire Tracy Farthing as Interim Camp Manager

Those in attendance: Matt Townsend, Guymon FBC; Darren Carpenter and Tommy Jones, Texhoma FBC; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Jason Johnston, Balko BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Brad Vickrey, Forgan FBC; Guadalupe Amaya and Bernabe Marquez, Guymon FHBC; Tom Freeman, Guymon GSBC; Trevor Bulls and Tim Baldrige, Boise City FBC; Gary Stone, Tyrone BC; Ray Cook and Virgil Gibson, Hardesty Bethel BC; Joseph Williams and Jerry Rhines, guests; Tracy Farthing, guest; and Eddie Knight and Lula King, PBA office.

Jason Johnston, Pastor Advisor for Camp Committee, made the report on behalf of the committee. They have placed ads in the Baptist Messenger seeking a full-time Camp Manager. Their hope is that God might lead them and us to the right man before the beginning of the next camping season. But as there is much work that needs to be done during this off-season to prepare the camp for next summer's camping season, they felt it might be wise to hire an Interim Manager to work with us in getting projects done that are essential to moving forward at the campgrounds.

Tracy Farthing is a member of our Balko Church. He is interested in the full-time position going forward, but is willing to take on the interim role to fill the gap until the decision is made on a full-time permanent Manager for the camp. He has spent his career as a church planter with independent Christian Churches. He currently operated a handyman business in the Balko community. His wife is a native of Perryton, so they've bought a home in Balko and have lived there since 2010. He is a Sunday School teacher at the Balko church and fills the pulpit for Jason when Jason is away.

As we interviewed Tracy it became clear from the questions being asked and the direction of the conversation, that we were thinking more in terms of the permanent Manager's position rather than the interim position the Camp Committee was presenting him for. The interview was very lengthy and thorough. The only real concerns about his qualification as the permanent man was his theological background as one who had served Christian churches rather than Baptist ones. But Jason assured us that he had visited with him pretty thoroughly on this matter and had found no problems in his beliefs; else he would not be teaching Sunday School and filling his pulpit at Balko. This satisfied our concerns in this area.

Ultimately, Trevor Bulls made a motion, seconded by Tom Freeman to ask the Camp Committee to visit further with Tracy regarding the full-time position (ironing out some details that the Board had identified) and if the committee and he were in agreement that this was God's leading that they would come back to us in January with a motion to hire him as our full-time Camp Manager. The Camp Committee was asked to confer with the Personnel Committee in regards to the Salary package and any other concerns and also with the Executive Committee in putting together a full job description. The motion was approved unanimously.

With the single item of business concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,  
Jeff Bradley, Clerk

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Mission Statement: "The mission of Panhandle Baptist Association is to strengthen, assist, and resource the church and produce itself here and around the world."

Vision Statement: "The Panhandle Baptist Association has a vision to strengthen the church here and around the world."

### *Ten ways to Love*

1. **LISTEN** without interrupting (Proverbs 18)
2. **SPEAK** without accusing (James 1:19)
3. **GIVE** without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)
4. **PRAY** without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)
5. **ANSWER** without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. **SHARE** without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. **ENJOY** without complaint (Philippians 2:14)
8. **TRUST** without wavering (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. **FORGIVE** without punishing (Colossians 3:13)
10. **PROMISE** without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)